

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: BRAC 2005 NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS

The U.S Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration has announced the availability of National Emergency Grant (NEG) planning funds to help states and local areas to prepare for the possible effects of military base closures and realignments recently announced by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC 2005) Commission. Please review Training and Employment Guidance Letter ([TEGL 16-03, Change 2](#)), and take action if your local area is eligible to apply for these funds. Although this information is being provided to all Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA), only those LWIAs that may be negatively affected by BRAC 2005 are eligible to apply for NEG funds for this purpose. A listing of the affected bases, by state, can be found in the [BRAC 2005](#) listing.

States may apply for up to \$1,000,000 of these Phase I planning funds. The TEGL 16-03, Change 2, lists the eligibility criteria and the information needed to apply for the NEG funds. The electronic application must be submitted by the State on or before June 10, 2005, to be considered for funding. Your application must follow the DOL format and must be received by the Employment Development Department no later than noon on **June 6, 2005**, to be included in the State's application.

The tight timeframe and deadline for this application leaves little time to gather the required information. Therefore, if your LWIA qualifies to apply for these NEG funds, we ask that you read TEGL 16-03, Change 2, carefully and e-mail a brief narrative which outlines the types of planning activities that will be undertaken, and that at minimum includes the items listed on page 10 (8. a. (1) third bullet) of the TEGL. This brief narrative will be submitted as part of the State's emergency application. You will be advised when further information is needed to complete the fully documented BRAC 2005 plan for Phase I. This will take place shortly after the awards are announced by DOL.

Rapid Response activities should already be in process to determine the assistance needed. Local coordination with critical partners is necessary to plan appropriately and make the best use of NEG funds in conjunction with other federal resources provided for BRAC 2005.

Please e-mail your narrative, including the amount of funds needed for the planning phase, to Ms. Martie Evans at mevans@edd.ca.gov with a copy to your assigned Regional Advisor by no later than noon on **June 6, 2005**. Your quick response is greatly appreciated. Only timely and complete applications will be included in the State's initial application.

Should you have any questions, please contact your [Regional Advisor](#).

/S/ BOB HERMSMEIER
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